

Indiana State Fair collection S1980

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Rabb, Kate Milner
Title	Indiana State Fair collection
Date	circa 1851-1920s
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Mixed materials [Folder]	S1980

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Administrative History

The Indiana General Assembly created the State Board of Agriculture in 1851, which founded the Indiana State Fair in 1852, held at what is now Military Park in Indianapolis. The total fair budget was \$4,700.00. It was held in Lafayette in 1853, Madison in 1854, Indianapolis 1855-1858, New Albany 1859, no fair was held in 1861, in Indianapolis through the Civil War years, Fort Wayne 1865, returning permanently to Indianapolis. The "Camp Morton" fairgrounds on the old northside of Indianapolis was the 2nd site for the annual fair. The 3rd and current site for the fairgrounds is on 38th Street, west of Fall Creek Parkway, and it opened in 1892. The fair in 1852 confined itself to adult farmers and approaches to agriculture, but Purdue University has begun and rapidly increased the participation of future agricultural leaders of Indiana through its club work with youth.

Sources:

Baker, Stephen. (2006). The great Indiana State Fair at 150. Emmis Publishing: Indianapolis, IN. (pp. 5, 7, 9,15)

Indiana State Board of Agriculture. (1927). 75 years of progress, 1852-1927: a review of the founding and growth of the Indiana State Fair. Indiana State Board of Agriculture: Indianapolis, IN. ISLH 606 #1

Premiums and regulations with the names of the awarding committees for the third annual fair of the Indiana state Board of Agriculture, to be held at the city of Madison, on Monday 2d, Tuesday 3d, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th days of October, 1854. Indiana State Board of Agriculture: Richmond, IN. ISL I 606 I59 print

Regulations and premium list of the eighth annual Indiana State Fair to be held at New Albany on Monday to Saturday, September 26th to October 1st, 1859. Indiana State Board of Agriculture: Indianapolis, IN. ISL I 606 I59 print

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a commercially printed card from Braden and Burford in Indianapolis, Indiana regarding the Indiana State Fair, a brochure for the Hook's Historic Drug Store and Pharmacy Museum, and a newspaper clipping of "Hoosier Listening Post" by Katie Milner Rabb.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a purchase from Ernest Ream on 1932/09/05.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Braden and Burford (Indianapolis, Ind.).
- Indiana State Fair.

Genre(s)

- Advertisements

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Business cards
- Fairs